

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V&E Cases – Appraisal Report No.76 - Surprise inspection of Fertilizer and Insecticide dealer outlets at various places in Prakasam District and noticed that some dealers are conducting business in contravention of the provisions of Fertilizer Control Order, 1985, Insecticide Act 1968 and Insecticide Rules 1971 - Disciplinary action against under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur, for his negligence in inspection of fertilizer shops and failure in identification of spurious fertilizers - Charge held proved - Imposition of the Minor penalty of “Withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment of Pay without cumulative effect”, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 14

Dated: 12-03-2025

Read the following

1. From the Director General (V&E) & E.O.Pr. Secy. to Govt. (FAC), GA (V&E) Dept., Appraisal Report.No:76 (C.No.3758 & 4925/V&E/D1/2019), dt.29.04.2021.
2. Govt. Memo. No.AGC01-AGRI/187/2021, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt.09.08.2021.
3. Proc. Memo No. Vig.II (2) 98/2021, dt.23.02.2022, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
4. Written Statement of Defense(WSD) dt.27.08.2021 of Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam
5. Memo No. Vig.II (2) 98/2021, dt.28.02.2023, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
6. Memo No. Vig.II (2) 98/2021, dt.28.02.2023, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
7. Inquiry Report Lr.Rc.No.A/5/2023, dt.25.10.2023 of Sri M. Subramanyeswara Rao, Deputy Director of Agriculture (SC), Ongole
8. Memo No. Vig.II (2) 98/2021, dt.06.08.2024, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
9. Written Representation dt.24.09.2024 of Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam.
10. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No. AGC02-32027(33)/7/2021, dt.07.11.2024.

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ORDER :

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Pr. Secretary to Government(FAC), General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., has submitted a report regarding Surprise inspection of Fertilizer and Insecticide dealer outlets at various places in Prakasam District stating that some dealers are conducting business in contravention of the provisions of Fertilizer Control Order, 1985, Insecticide Act 1968 and Insecticide Rules 1971 and recommended to initiate action against Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam for his negligence in inspection of fertilizer shops and failure in identification of spurious fertilizers.

2. In the reference 2nd read above the Government have issued instructions to the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, to take necessary action on the recommendations of the the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Pr. Secretary to Government(FAC), General Administration (V&E) Department and submit Action Taken Report in the matter to Govt.

3. Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has initiated disciplinary action and issued Article of Charge against Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD), duly accepting/denying the Charges framed against him.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) duly denying the charges framed against him. The Written Statement of Defense of the said Charged Officer is not convincing, then the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri M. Subramanyeswara Rao,

Deputy Director of Agriculture (SC), Ongole as Inquiry Officer in the reference 5th read above to conduct regular Inquiry into the Charges framed against him.

5. Further, Sri E.V.Ramana, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Kanigiri, Prakasaam District was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority, on behalf of Disciplinary Authority, in the reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri M. Subramanyeswara Rao, Deputy Director of Agriculture (SC), Ongole & Inquiry Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report, wherein he concluded that, Charges I & II are held proved and Charge III is not held proved against Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur and Charged Officer has submitted his written Representation, in the reference 9th read above and requested to exonerate him from the Charges and to drop further action in the matter.

8. In the reference 10th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has opined that there is no financial loss to the Government but, said MAO had failed to detect the spurious fertilizer stock. For his slackness in attending his legitimate duties as Quality Control Inspector and requested to impose suitable penalty, against Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby impose the Minor penalty of "Withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment of Pay without cumulative effect", against Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 for the Articles of Charge issued against him is held proved.

10. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:

Sri D.Balaji Naik, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Thripuranthakam
and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture, Giddalur
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, Prakasam District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Prakasam District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5th Block, 1st Floor,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER